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## EDUCATION

<b>University of Waterloo</b> Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor: <i>Ian Goldberg</i>	Waterloo, Canada Sep 2006–Jun 2010
<b>Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)—Bombay</b> M.Tech. in Computer Science and Engineering	Mumbai, India Aug 2004–Jun 2006
<b>Mumbai University</b> B.E. in Information Technology	Mumbai, India Aug 1999–Jul 2003

## RESEARCH INTEREST

I design, implement, and analyze privacy, accountability and transparency enhancing technologies. My research integrates cryptography, distributed systems, and hardware-assisted security.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

<b>Computer Science, Purdue University</b> Assistant Professor	West Lafayette, IN, USA Aug 2015– <i>present</i>
<b>Cluster of Excellence, Saarland University</b> Junior Faculty Member	Saarbruecken, Germany Aug 2012–Sep 2015
<b>Max Planck Institute for Software Systems (MPI-SWS)</b> Postdoctoral Researcher with Michael Backes	Saarbruecken, Germany Sep 2010–July 2012
<b>University of Waterloo</b> Research Assistant with Ian Goldberg Research Assistant with Urs Hengartner	Waterloo, Canada May 2007–Aug 2010 Sep 2006–Apr 2007

## SELECTED ONGOING PROJECTS

- ◇ **Cryptocurrencies and Payment Networks**  
Analyze and improve the privacy and security properties of cryptocurrencies (e.g., Bitcoin) and IOU credit networks (e.g., Ripple); Develop innovative (payment/smart) contracts for interesting real-world applications.  
Work published at ESORICS'14, NDSS'15, CCS'15, PETS'16, and NDSS'17.
- ◇ **Analyzing and Improving Anonymous Communication Networks**  
Develop a framework (AnoA) for defining, analyzing, and quantifying anonymity properties for ACNs, and assess the real-time anonymity of the Tor network  
Work published at CSF'12 '13, CCS'14, and in JPC
- ◇ **Cryptography for Anonymity**  
Develop cryptographic primitives to enhance privacy, scalability, efficiency, and accountability of anonymous communication and anonymous storage protocols  
Work published at PETS'07, FC'10, WPES'12, ACNS'14 '15, ESORICS'16, NDSS'17 and in TISSec.
- ◇ **Transparency Enhancing Technologies**  
Design secure data transfer architecture (Lime) facilitating transparency in malicious data lineage scenarios; Develop tampering detection approach allowing social network operators to detect computations manipulated by Sybil attacks.  
Work published at COSN'15 and in TDSC

- ◇ **Longitudinal Privacy and Right to Delete/Conceal**  
Analyze users' deletion habits on the online platform and the associated Streisand effect; Propose effective counter-measures to protect those deletions from the Cyberstalkers.  
Work published at SOUPS' 16 and in Internet Computing
- ◇ **Using Trusted Hardware for Privacy-preserving Distributed Systems**  
Demonstrate the utility of trusted hardware towards solving the problem of privacy-preserving online advertising, and towards improving the resiliency of distributed protocol in the form of non-equivocation  
Work published as Oakland' 12, PODC' 12 '14, and NDSS' 15

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

My advisee are underlined for clarity.

### JOURNAL/MAGAZINE ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- 1 "Longitudinal Privacy Management in Social Media: The Need for Better Controls"  
Mainack Mondal, Johnatan Messias, Saptarshi Ghosh, Krishna P. Gummadi, and Aniket Kate  
To appear in *IEEE Internet Computing (IC)*, 2017
- 2 "AnoA: A Framework for Analyzing Anonymous Communication Protocols"  
Michael Backes, Aniket Kate, Praveen Manoharan, Sebastian Meiser, and Esfandiar Mohammadi  
To appear in *Journal of Privacy and Confidentiality (JPC)*, 2016
- 3 "Data Lineage in Malicious Environments"  
Michael Backes, Niklas Grimm, and Aniket Kate  
*IEEE Transactions on Dependable and Secure Computing (TDSC)*, 13(2): 178-191, 2016
- 4 "Achieving Optimal Utility for Distributed Differential Privacy Using Secure Multiparty Computation"  
Fabienne Eigner, Aniket Kate, Matteo Maffei, Francesca Pampaloni, and Ivan Pryvalov  
Book chapter, *Applications of Secure Multiparty Computation*, IOS CISS, 13(5), 2015
- 5 "Towards Practical Communication in Byzantine-Resistant DHTs"  
Maxwell Young, Aniket Kate, Ian Goldberg, and Martin Karsten  
*IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (TON)*, 21(1), Feb 2013
- 6 "Generalizing Cryptosystems Based on the Subset Sum Problem"  
Aniket Kate and Ian Goldberg  
*Springer International Journal of Information Security (IJIS)*, 10 (3), May 2011
- 7 "Pairing-Based Onion Routing with Improved Forward Secrecy"  
Aniket Kate, Gregory M. Zaverucha, and Ian Goldberg  
*ACM Transactions on Information and System Security (TISSEC)*, 13(4), Dec 2010

### CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- 8 "P2P Mixing and Unlinkable Bitcoin Transactions"  
Tim Ruffing, Pedro Moreno-Sanchez, and Aniket Kate  
To appear at *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, Feb 2017
- 9 "SilentWhispers: Enforcing Security and Privacy in Decentralized Credit Networks"  
Giulio Malavolta, Pedro Moreno-Sanchez, Aniket Kate, and Matteo Maffei  
To appear at *Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, Feb 2017
- 10 "Anonymous RAM"  
Michael Backes, Amir Herzberg, Aniket Kate, and Ivan Pryvalov  
*21<sup>st</sup> European Symposium on Research in Computer Security (ESORICS)*, Sep 2016
- 11 "Listening to Whispers of Ripple: Linking Wallets and Deanonymizing Transactions in the Ripple Network"  
Pedro Moreno-Sanchez, Muhammad Bilal Zafar, and Aniket Kate  
*Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium (PETS)*, Jun 2016
- 12 "Forgetting in Social Media: Understanding and Controlling Longitudinal Exposure of Socially Shared Data"  
Mainack Mondal, Johnatan Messias, Saptarshi Ghosh, Krishna P. Gummadi, and Aniket Kate  
*USENIX Symposium on Usable Privacy and Security (SOUPS)*, Jun 2016

- 13 “Strength in Numbers: Robust Tamper Detection in Crowd Computations”  
Bimal Viswanath, Muhammad Ahmad Bashir, Muhammad Bilal Zafar, Simon Bouget, Saikat Guha, Krishna P. Gummadi, Aniket Kate, and Alan Mislove  
*ACM Conference on Online Social Networks (COSN)*, Nov 2015
- 14 “Liar, Liar, Coins on Fire!: Penalizing Equivocation By Loss of Bitcoins”  
Tim Ruffing, Aniket Kate, and Dominique Schroeder  
*22<sup>nd</sup> ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, Oct 2015
- 15 “Post-Quantum Forward Secure Onion Routing (Future Anonymity in Today’s Budget)”  
Satrajit Ghosh and Aniket Kate  
*13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Cryptography and Network Security (ACNS)*, June 2015
- 16 “Secrecy without Perfect Randomness: Cryptography with (Bounded) Weak Sources”  
Michael Backes, Aniket Kate, Sebastian Meiser, and Tim Ruffing  
*13<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Cryptography and Network Security (ACNS)*, June 2015
- 17 “Visigoth Fault Tolerance”  
Daniel Porto, Joao Leitao, Cheng Li, Allen Clement, Aniket Kate, Flavio Junqueira, and Rodrigo Rodrigues  
*European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys)*, April 2015
- 18 “Privacy Preserving Payments in Credit Networks”  
Pedro Moreno-Sanchez, Aniket Kate, Matteo Maffei, and Kim Pecina  
*Network and Distributed System Security Symposium (NDSS)*, Feb 2015
- 19 “Privacy-preserving Data Aggregation with Optimal Utility”  
Fabienne Eigner, Aniket Kate, Matteo Maffei, Francesca Pampaloni, and Ivan Pryvalov  
*30<sup>th</sup> Annual Computer Security Applications Conference (ACSAC)*, Dec 2014
- 20 “(Nothing else) MATor(s): Monitoring the Anonymity of Tor’s Path Selection”  
Michael Backes, Aniket Kate, Sebastian Meiser, and Esfandiar Mohammadi  
*21<sup>st</sup> ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS)*, Nov 2014
- 21 “CoinShuffle: Practical Decentralized Coin Mixing for Bitcoin”  
Tim Ruffing, Pedro Moreno-Sanchez, and Aniket Kate  
*19<sup>th</sup> European Symposium on Research in Computer Security (ESORICS)*, Sep 2014
- 22 “Asynchronous MPC with a Strict Honest Majority Using Non-equivocation”  
Michael Backes, Fabian Bendun, Ashish Choudhury, and Aniket Kate  
*33<sup>rd</sup> ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC)*, July 2014
- 23 “Introducing Accountability to Anonymity Networks”  
Michael Backes, Jeremy Clark, Peter Druschel, Aniket Kate, and Milivoj Simeonovski  
*12<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Applied Cryptography and Network Security (ACNS)*, June 2014
- 24 “AnoA: A Framework For Analyzing Anonymous Communication Protocols”  
Michael Backes, Aniket Kate, Praveen Manoharan, Sebastian Meiser, and Esfandiar Mohammadi  
*26<sup>th</sup> IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF)*, June 2013
- 25 “Asynchronous Computational VSS with Reduced Communication Complexity”  
Michael Backes, Amit Datta, and Aniket Kate  
*Cryptographers’ Track - RSA Conference (CT-RSA)*, Feb 2013
- 26 “On the (Limited) Power of Non-Equivocation”  
Allen Clement, Flavio Junqueira, Aniket Kate, and Rodrigo Rodrigues  
*31<sup>st</sup> ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC)*, Jul 2012
- 27 “Provably Secure and Practical Onion Routing”  
Michael Backes, Ian Goldberg, Aniket Kate, and Esfandiar Mohammadi  
*25<sup>th</sup> IEEE Computer Security Foundations Symposium (CSF)*, Jun 2012
- 28 “ObliviAd: Provably Secure and Practical Online Behavioral Advertising”  
Michael Backes, Aniket Kate, Matteo Maffei, and Kim Pecina  
*33<sup>rd</sup> IEEE Symposium on Security and Privacy (Oakland)*, May 2012

- 29 “Adding Query Privacy to Robust DHTs”  
Michael Backes, Ian Goldberg, Aniket Kate, and Tomas Toft  
*7<sup>th</sup> ACM Symposium on Information, Computer and Communications Security (ASIACCS)*, May 2012
- 30 “Computational Verifiable Secret Sharing Revisited”  
Michael Backes, Aniket Kate, and Arpita Patra  
*17<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Theory and Application of Cryptology (ASIACRYPT)*, Dec 2011
- 31 “Constant-Size Commitments to Polynomials and Their Applications”  
Aniket Kate, Gregory M. Zaverucha, and Ian Goldberg  
*16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Theory and Application of Cryptology (ASIACRYPT)*, Dec 2010
- 32 “Distributed Private-Key Generators for Identity-Based Cryptography”  
Aniket Kate and Ian Goldberg  
*7<sup>th</sup> Conference on Security and Cryptography for Networks (SCN)*, Sep 2010
- 33 “Practical Robust Communication in DHTs Tolerating a Byzantine Adversary”  
Maxwell Young, Aniket Kate, Ian Goldberg, and Martin Karsten  
*30<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS)*, Jun 2010
- 34 “Using Sphinx to Improve Onion Routing Circuit Construction”  
Aniket Kate and Ian Goldberg  
*14<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Financial Cryptography and Data Security (FC)*, Jan 2010
- 35 “Distributed Key Generation for the Internet”  
Aniket Kate and Ian Goldberg  
*29<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Distributed Computing Systems (ICDCS)*, Jun 2009
- 36 “Anonymity and Security in Delay Tolerant Networks”  
Aniket Kate, Gregory M. Zaverucha, and Urs Hengartner  
*3<sup>rd</sup> International Conf. on Security and Privacy in Communication Networks (SecureComm)*, Sep 2007
- 37 “Pairing-Based Onion Routing”  
Aniket Kate, Gregory M. Zaverucha, and Ian Goldberg  
*7<sup>th</sup> Privacy Enhancing Technologies Symposium (PET)*, Jun 2007

#### WORKSHOP PUBLICATIONS AND THESES

- 38 “Lime: Data Lineage in the Malicious Environment”  
Michael Backes, Niklas Grimm, and Aniket Kate  
*10<sup>th</sup> International Workshop on Security and Trust Management (STM)*, Sep 2014
- 39 “Identity-Based Steganography and Its Applications to Censorship Resistance”  
Tim Ruffing, Jonas Schneider, Aniket Kate  
*6<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Hot Topics in Privacy Enhancing Technologies (HotPETs)*, Jul 2013
- 40 “Ace: An Efficient Key-Exchange Protocol for Onion Routing”  
Michael Backes, Aniket Kate, and Esfandiar Mohammadi  
*11<sup>th</sup> ACM Workshop on Privacy in the Electronic Society (WPES)*, Oct 2012
- 41 Aniket Pundlik Kate: “Distributed Key Generation and Its Applications”  
**PhD Thesis**, University of Waterloo, Jun 2010
- 42 Aniket Kate: “Frobenius Endomorphism Based Cryptosystems”  
**Master Thesis**, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)—Bombay, Jun 2006

#### PREPRINTS AND SUBMISSIONS

- 43 “cMix: Anonymization by High-Performance Scalable Mixing”  
David Chaum, Farid Javani, Aniket Kate, Anna Krasnova, Joeri de Ruiter, and Alan T. Sherman  
*Under submission*, Available as *IACR Cryptology ePrint Archive Report: 2016-008*, Jan 2016  
*This work recently appeared in WIRED and in Fortune magazines.*
- 44 “Encrypting Messages for Incomplete Webs of Trust”  
Sanjit Chatterjee, Deepak Garg, Aniket Kate, and Tobias Theobald  
*Under submission*, Jan 2016

- 45 “ClearChart: Ensuring Integrity of Consumer Ratings in Online Marketplaces”  
Uzair Mahmood, Pedro Moreno-Sanchez and Aniket Kate  
*Under submission*, Jan 2016

## SELECTED INVITED TALKS

- ◇ “Keynote: Distributed IOweYou Credit Networks” at International Conference on Distributed Computing and Networking (ICDCN), Hyderabad, India. Jan 2017.
- ◇ “Tutorial: An Introduction to Credit Networks” at ACM Conference on Computer and Communications Security (CCS), Vienna, Austria. Oct 2016.
- ◇ “Distributed IOweYou Credit Networks” at Workshop on Distributed Cryptocurrencies and Consensus Ledgers (DCCL 2016), co-located with PODC 2016. July 2016
- ◇ “Enabling trust with privacy in virtual marketplaces using credit networks” at Computer Science (CS) Colloquium Series, Indiana University, Bloomington. Apr 2016
- ◇ “(Working group) Genome Privacy: Architecture and middleware” at Dagstuhl Seminar 15431, Dagstuhl, Germany. Oct 2015
- ◇ “Future Anonymity in Today’s Budget” at NIST Workshop on Cybersecurity in a Post-Quantum World (NIST PQC), Gaithersburg, USA. Apr 2015
- ◇ “A little trusted hardware can go a long way towards privacy” at CASED, TU Darmstadt, Germany. Mar 2015
- ◇ “Anonymous Communication Networks: Design, Analysis and Challenges” at TU Dresden, Germany. Sep 2014
- ◇ “Differential Guarantees for Cryptographic Systems” at Microsoft Research, India. Apr 2014
- ◇ “Asynchronous MPC with a Strict Honest Majority Using Non-equivocation” at Applied Multi-Party Computation Workshop, Microsoft Research, Redmond, USA. Feb 2014
- ◇ “Introducing Accountability to Onion Routing” at *Grande Region Security and Reliability Day (GRSRD 2013)*. Apr 2013
- ◇ “Towards Practical and Efficient Distributed Trust” at *Indian Institute of Technology-Kharagpur (IIT-Kgp)*, India. Sep 2012
- ◇ “An Interplay between Anonymity, Privacy, and Accountability” at *Indian Statistical Institute (ISI), Kolkata*, India. Sep 2012
- ◇ “Recent Improvements to Onion Routing” at *IBM Research - Zurich*, Rueschlikon, Switzerland. Jan 2012
- ◇ “Recent Improvements in Onion Routing Circuit Construction” in the *Laboratory of Algorithmics, Cryptology and Security (LACS), University of Luxembourg*, Luxembourg. Feb 2010
- ◇ “Anonymous Key Agreement in an Identity-based Infrastructure and Applications” at the *MITACS 2009 Annual Conference*, Canada. Jun 2009

## SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

### PhD Candidates

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1 Tim Ruffing (@Saarland University, Germany)<br>Topic: Cryptocurrencies: Science and Applications | Summer 2013–Spring 2017  |
| 2 Pedro Moreno-Sanchez<br>Topic: IOweYou Credit Network Systems                                    | Winter 2013/14–Fall 2017 |
| 3 Sze Yiu Chau (with Ninghui Li)<br>Topic: Formal Analysis of Real-World Security Protocols        | Fall 2015–Spring 2018    |
| 4 Mohsen Minaei<br>Topic: Right to be Forgotten  | Fall 2015–Fall 2018      |

5 Debajyoti Das Fall 2015–*Spring 2020*  
Teaching Assistant, Qual I in progress

#### Graduate Advisees

5 Duc V Le (with Mikhail Atallah) Fall 2015–*Spring 2020*  
Teaching Assistant, Qual I in progress

6 Easwar V Mangipudi Fall 2015–*Spring 2020*  
Teaching Assistant, Qual I in progress

#### Master Thesis Students

1 Siddharth Gupta Spring 2016–present  
2 Simon Heinzl (@Saarland University) Summer 2015–Winter 2015/16  
3 Tobias Theobald (@Saarland University) Summer 2015–Winter 2015/16  
4 Uzair Mahmood (@Saarland University) Winter 2014/15–Summer 2015  
5 Ivan Pryvalov (@Saarland University) Summer 2013–Summer 2014

#### Bachelor Thesis Student

1 Niklas Grimm (@Saarland University) Winter 2012/13

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### Purdue University

(CS 528) Network Security Spring 2016, 2017  
(CS 426) Computer Security Fall 2016  
(CS 699) Hot Topics in Privacy Enhancing Technologies Fall 2015

#### Saarland University

Advanced Course: Applied Cryptography Winter 2014/15  
Seminar: Practical Cryptographic Systems Winter 2012/13, Summer 2014  
Advanced Course: Privacy Enhancing Technologies (co-taught) Summer 2013, 2014, 2015

### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- ◇ Program Committee Member:  
@Purdue University  
CSF 2017, POST 2017, Eurocrypt 2016. ICDCS 2016-17. UEOP 2016. FC 2016. Bitcoin 2016-17. ACNS 2016. ACM CCSW 2015. ACM WPES 2015.
- @Saarland University  
IEEE CloudCom 2015. FCS 2015. ICDCS 2015. ICWE 2015. CPSS 2015. HotPETS 2014. ProvSec 2014-15. WWW 2013. SPACE 2013-14. ACM WPES 2012.
- ◇ Conference Leadership:  
Poster/Demo co-Chair ACM CCS 2016
- ◇ External Reviewer (Journals):  
ACM TISSec. Computer Security. ACM TWEB. IEEE Information Theory. Designs, Codes and Cryptography (DCC). IEEE TIFS. IEEE TDSC. Distributed Computing (DC). IEEE TPDS. IEEE Transactions on Computers (ToC). Information Processing Letters (IPL). Acta Informatica.
- ◇ Bitcoin Foundation Grant Committee 2014
- ◇ Centre for Applied Cryptographic Research (CACR) University of Waterloo  
Cryptography Seminar Organizer Spring 2008
- ◇ SecNet 2006, Annual Network Security Workshop IIT-Bombay  
Overall Coordinator Spring 2006

### UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

- ◇ Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, CS, Purdue University Fall 2015–*present*

- ◇ Member, INSC Admission Committee, CERIAS, Purdue University Spring 2016–*present*
- ◇ College of Science Team Award, Purdue University Fall 2015  
Development work toward the professional masters degree concentration in information security
- ◇ Started the Crypto Reading Group, Purdue University weekly, Spring 2016–*present*
- ◇ Started the Internet of Value Research meetings, Purdue University weekly, Fall 2016–*present*
- ◇ Undergraduate Research Engagement  
Seminar Talk, CS 397 Honors Seminar, Purdue University Fall 2015  
Seminar Talk, CS 397 Honors Seminar, Purdue University Fall 2016

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

- ◇ **Best paper award** at ACM Conference on Online Social Networks (COSN 2015) Nov 2015
- ◇ Nominated for a **Distinguished Dissertation Award** of the Canadian Association for Graduate Studies Winter 2011
- ◇ **University of Waterloo Graduate Scholarship** Winter 2008
- ◇ **David R. Cheriton Graduate Scholarship**, University of Waterloo 2007–10
- ◇ **Technical Color** for excellence in technical activities by Computer Science and Engineering Association (CSEA), IIT-Bombay 2005–06
- ◇ Competence in Software Technology (**CST**) **award** by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), India 2004

#### OTHER SERVICES AND WORK

- ◇ Research Group Leaders' Representative at the MMCI Clusterboard, Saarland University 2013-15
- ◇ Director Search Committee, School of Computer Science University of Waterloo  
Graduate Students Representative 2009-10
- ◇ Division Manager (Don) at Waterloo Co-op Residence Inc.(WCRI), Canada Fall 2008
- ◇ Industrial Experience
  - Member of Technical Staff, Persistent Systems Pvt. Ltd. (PSPL), India Mar 2004–Jul 2004
  - Trainee System Analyst, National Stock Exchange (NSE.iT), India Aug 2003–Mar 2004

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CS, Purdue University  
December 2016